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SUBJECT: MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS - MAY

1. DAILY USE OF WORLDNET FRENCH-LANGUAGE NEWSFILE ON THE
DAYTIME NEWS PROGRAM IS NOW AVERAGING 10 CLIPS PER WEEK.
THERE HAS BEEN OCCASIONAL USE ON NIGHTTIME NEWS.

2. THE MAY 9 WORLDNET INTERACTIVE WITH ROBERT BROWNE,
STAFF DIRECTOR OF THE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL
DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTIONS AND FINANCE, WAS WELL-ATTENDED
BY TWO JOURNALISTS AND TWENTY-SIX GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.
THE AUDIENCE FOUND IT INTERESTING TO HEAR A CONGRESSIONAL
VIEWPOINT THAT WAS CRITICAL OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S
POLICIES. THIS SERVED TO DEMONSTRATE THE SEPARATION OF
POWERS IN ACTION. (SEE ABIDJAN 09880).

3. THE MAY 10 INTERACTIVE ON MALARIA CONTROL WAS
WELL-ATTENDED BY 20 PHYSICIANS, INCLUDING SEVERAL SENIOR
LECTURERS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS FROM THE MEDICAL SCHOOL.
IN A QUESTIONNAIRE GIVEN TO THEM AT THE END OF THE
PROGRAM, ONLY TWO RESPONSES DID NOT FIND THE PROGRAM
USEFUL. MOST WANT TO SEE MOORE MEDICAL PROGRAMS, AND
THEY PROVIDED POST WITH A LIST FOR FUTURE INTERACTIVES.
(SEE ABIDJAN 10042).

4. ON MAY 3, IVORIAN TV PLAYED SEGMENTS OF THE APRIL 19
INTERACTIVE WITH CARDIOLOGIST DR. DEVEREAUX ON TV. USIS
WAS PRAISED IN THE PROGRAM. BOTH USIS AND THE AMBASSADOR
HAVE RECEIVED LETTERS FROM MEDICAL ORGANIZATIONS THANKING
US FOR OUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE CONCURRENT CARDIOVASCULAR
CONFERENCE.

5. AMERICAN STUDIES PROFESSORS AT THE UNIVERSITY WERE
INVITED TO BE PASSIVE PARTICIPANTS AT THE 'TEACHER TO
TEACHER' EXCHANGE INTERACTIVE ON MAY 20 AND THE NIKKI
GIOVANNI INTERACTIVE ON MAY 25. WIDER USE OF WORLDNET
FOR CULTURAL AFFAIRS PROGRAMMING IS BEING DEVELOPED.

6. IVORIAN RADIO'S ENGLISH LANGUAGE SERVICE TAPED THE MAY
3 WORLDNET INTERACTIVE WITH LAGOS ON WORLD DEBT.

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PORTIONS WERE BROADCAST ON RADIO THE NEXT DAY.

7. CRIS ARCOS OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKE ON U.S. POLICY IN NICARAGUA WITH JOURNALISTS FROM "FRATERNITE MATIN", THE OFFICIAL DAILY, AND IVORIAN RADIO ON A MAY 3 TPC.

8. MR. ROBERT SIMMONS OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKE ON THE U.S. ROLE IN THE MOSCOW SUMMIT IN A MAY 27 TPC WITH JOURNALISTS FROM "FRATERNITE MATIN" AND IVOIR' SOIR". A ONE-THIRD PAGE ARTICLE RELATING THE U.S. ROLE, BASED ON THE TPC, APPEARED IN "FRATERNITE MATIN" IN A TWO-PAGE ARTICLE ON NICARAGUA.

9. AMPART MARIAM ASSEFA MORRISSEY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF WORLD EDUCATION SERVICES, INC IN NEW YORK, VISITED POST MAY 5 TO 11 TO EXPLAIN THE U.S. SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION, PARTICULARLY AMERICAN DEGREES. HER VISIT INCLUDED CALLS ON FOUR MINISTERS AND OTHER EDUCATION AUTHORITIES. SHE HELD WORKING SESSIONS WITH MEMBERS OF THE IVORIAN EQUIVALENCY COMMISSION. AMPART'S VISIT GAVE POST AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH PRINCIPAL GOCI AUTHORITIES WHO APPROVE POLICY GUIDELINES REGARDING EQUIVALENCIES OF FOREIGN DEGREES FOR IVORIAN GRADUATES. THESE MEETINGS OFFERED US INSIGHTS ON THEIR ATTITUDES REGARDING OUR SYSTEM OF EDUCATION AND THE ROLE OF THE OVER 1300 IVORIAN U.S. GRADUATES IN THIS COUNTRY'S DEVELOPMENT. (SEE WRAP-UP ABIDJAN 10555).

10. THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES GAVE THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS THE MAY 4 AND 5 WIRELESS FILE ARTICLES, IN ENGLISH AND FRENCH, ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY CROCKER'S PRESS CONFERENCE AND THE LONDON TALKS ON ANGOLA-NAMIBIA. THE MINISTER SAID THE MATERIALS WERE ESPECIALLY USEFUL IN PREPARING FOR A MAY 10 MEETING WITH HIS ANGOLAN COUNTERPART.

11. POST ATTENDED THE FESTIVAL OF SCHOOLS IN ABOISSO ON SATURDAY, MAY 21. THE MINISTER OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, ALHASSANE N'DIAYE, WAS THE GUEST OF HONOR. OTHER DIGNITARIES PRESENT INCLUDED THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND THE PREFET OF THE REGION.
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12. POST PARTICIPATED IN CEREMONIES MARKING 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF LYCEE DES JEUNES FILLES IN BINGERVILLE. THE MOST PROMINENT SCHOOL FOR GIRLS, IT BOASTS MANY HIGH-RANKING WOMEN AMONG ITS ALUMNAE, INCLUDING ONE OF TWO FEMALE MINISTERS. USIS CONDUCTED A PROGRAM ON EDUCATION IN THE U.S. FOR MEMBERS OF THE LYCEE'S ENGLISH CLUB ON MAY 24. USIS WAS ALSO ON THE REVIEWING STAND AS PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY PRESIDED OVER GALA CEREMONY ON MAY 26.

13. POST SPONSORED A LECTURE BY FULBRIGHTER SUSAN ENGLISH ON THE OCCASION OF HER NEWLY PUBLISHED TESL TEXTBOOK, "SAY IT CLEARLY." MS. ENGLISH, WHO IS TEACHING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ABIDJAN THIS YEAR, CONDUCTED HER TALK AT THE CULTURAL CENTER FOR AN AUDIENCE OF ABOUT 50 IVORIAN TEACHERS, EDUCATION OFFICIALS, BRITISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES, AND EXPATRIATE TESL SPECIALISTS.

14. POST CONTINUED ITS EFFORTS TO PREPARE CANDIDATES FOR

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TTT TESL PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS. WITH SEVEN GRANTEES GOING TO UMASS THIS SUMMER, ALONG WITH FOUR GRANTEES FOR SPECIAL TTT SUMMER ENGLISH TEACHING INSTITUTE, POST HAS EXPANDED EFFORTS IN THIS FIELD TO THE BENEFIT OF THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION'S DYNAMIC ENGLISH TEACHING DIVISION.

15. POST'S FY 88 SENIOR RESEARCH SCHOLARS HAVE BEEN PLACED. PATRICE TOKRO GOUALE WILL BE DOING PLANT PEST RESEARCH AT MISSISSIPPI STATE, AND ELIZABETH ANNAN-YAO WILL BE STUDY DEMOGRAPHICS AT UCLA. BOTH TEACH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ABIDJAN.

16. POST SPONSORED TWO CONFERENCES ON THE AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM AND DEGREE EQUIVALENCY. THE FIRST, ON MAY 19, WAS FOR A GROUP OF 20 HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH TEACHERS AT THE ASSOCIATION OF COTE D'IVOIRE ENGLISH TEACHERS. THE SECOND, ON MAY 24, WAS FOR 100 MEMBERS OF THE ENGLISH CLUB AT LYCEE DE JEUNE FILLES IN BINGERVILLE.

17. POST PARTICIPATED IN THE JURY FOR A COMPETITION OF HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH PLAYS HELD BY THE ASSOCIATION OF IVORIAN ENGLISH TEACHERS. APPROXIMATELY 100 STUDENTS AND 20 TEACHERS ATTENDED. POST CONTRIBUTED PRIZE BOOKS.

18. THE MAY EDITION OF "USA REVUE" INCLUDED ARTICLES ON SISTER CITY SAN FRANCISCO'S DONATION OF MANIOC GRINDERS TO THE CITY OF ABIDJAN; THE USIS-ASSISTED "MEETING DE L'AMITIE AUC-USA" TRACK MEETING; THE WORLDNET INTERACTIVE ON BLACKS, MINORITIES AND WOMEN IN THE ELECTORAL PROCESS; THE DEPARTURE OF YOUNG IVORIAN FARMERS FOR NEBRASKA; THE "AMERICAN WEEKEND" FAIR IN BOUAKE; CAO AMELIA BRODERICK'S LECTURE ON THE STATUS OF BLACKS IN THE U.S. AND A USAID SEMINAR ON LOW-COST HOUSING.

19. GROUP COUNSELING ON AMERICAN EDUCATION WAS GIVEN TO 55 IVORIAN STUDENTS AND 11 THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS. INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING WAS GIVEN TO 30 IVORIANS AND 9 THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS. ONE IVORIAN WAS GIVEN A PRE-DEPARTURE ORIENTATION BEFORE LEAVING FOR STUDIES IN THE U.S. ON MAY 7, THE SAT TEST WAS ADMINISTERED TO 3 CANDIDATES. ON MAY 14, THE TOEFL TEST WAS ADMINISTERED TO 24 CANDIDATES. DALGLIESH

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